

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4564  
INFO AMCONSUL BOMBAY

C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 3626

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-3  
TAGS:PARM, TECH, IN, CA  
SUBJECT: THE PM ON A SECOND NUCLEAR EXPLOSION

1. REPLYING IN WRITING TO A QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT "WHETHER  
THE SECOND NUCLEAR EXPLOSION FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES IS PROPOSED  
TO BE MADE SOON", PRIME MINISTER GANDHI REPLIED ON MARCH 10,  
"THE QUESTION WILL BE CONSIDERED WHEN THE NEED FOR A PEACEFUL  
EXPERIMENT IS WELL ESTABLISHED."

2. COMMENT: IN THE PAST THE GOI HAS ANSWERED THIS QUESTION  
BY SAYING THAT A NEW TEST WOULD NOT BE CONDUCTED UNTIL THE  
RESULTS OF THE LAST HAD BEEN FULLY EVALUATED. THIS NEW  
FORMULATION IS CONSISTENT WITH SETHNA'S PRIVATE COMMENT TO  
THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT THE EVALUATION HAD BEEN COMPLETED  
(NEW DELHI 2774) AND WITH THE IMPLICIT AGREEMENT WITH THE  
CANADIANS NOT TO TEST WHILE DELIVERY OF CANADIAN EQUIPMENT  
FOR RAPP I AND RAPP II IS UNDERWAY (ABOUT FIFTEEN MONTHS).  
(NEW DELHI 3489).  
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